

REMARKS

The Office Action dated February 2, 2006 has been received and carefully studied.

The Examiner objects to claims 5-7 under 37 C.F.R. §1.75(c) as being in improper form. By the accompanying amendment, the claims have been amended to eliminate this informality.

The Examiner rejects claims 1-4 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Ishii, et al., JP 08-194968. The Examiner states that Ishii et al. disclose a protective coating agent for an optical disc which is produced by coating the memory part of the optical disc with a radiation curing resin composition containing more than one (meth)acrylate in a molecule.

By the accompanying amendment, limitations in claims 4 and 5 have been incorporated into claim 1. It is believed that the amendment overcomes the rejection for at least the following reasons.

JP '968 discloses the protective coating agent for a high density optical disc comprising as essential components, a monofunctional monomer and an oligomer that contains two or more (meth)acrylate groups, and optionally a photopolymerization initiator (paragraph [0011]). It states that the cured product of the composition has little curvature under a high temperature and high humidity environment and is excellent in mechanical properties, and the composition is extremely useful for a protective coating agent for a high density optical disc (paragraph [0032]).

The coating agents of the working examples in JP '968


consist of component (A), IRGACURE 651, component (E) and photopolymerization initiator, which are the essential components of the claimed invention. However, JP '968 does not disclose or suggest components (C) and (D) which are also essential components of the claimed invention, and the coating agents of the working examples of JP '968 do not contain these components.

Accordingly, the invention as now claimed is not disclosed or suggested by JP '968.

Additionally, the composition of the present invention has specific components as defined in claim 1, whereby the advantageous effects of preventing voids in the optical disk manufacturing process are obtained, thereby providing an optical disk having a reflection film comprising silver or silver alloy which has durability similar to that of the optical disk having the reflection film comprising gold, and an optical disk having a reduced electric resistivity. These advantageous effects of the present invention are also not disclosed or suggested in JP '968.

Reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested in view of the foregoing.

Respectfully submitted,


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